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SUBJECT: NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) TOUR OF CENTRAL EUROPE

REF: A. BONN 07458 (NOTAL) B. STATE 067996 (NOTAL)

1. REF A AND PREVIOUS GIVE BACKGROUND ON PLANS FOR NAA TOUR FOR ALLIED PARLIAMENTARIANS TO IMPORTANT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC FACILITIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE TOUR WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 16-24 AND COMPRISE 25 ALLIED PARLIAMENTARIRANS--INCLUDING THREE OR FOUR U.S. CONGRESSMEN-PLUSS SIX ESCORTS. AN AIRCRAFT IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TO TRANSPORT THE GROUP DURING THE BULK OF THE TOUR WHICH INCLUDES STOPS AT BRUSSELS, AMSTERDAM, THE HAGUE, BONN, BERLIN AND MUNICH. THE TOUR IS SCHEDULED TO FLY FROM BONN AT 1500 ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 21, TO BERLIN WHERE THEY PLAN TO REMAIN FOR A ONE-DAY PROGRAM, RETURNING TO MUNICH FROM BERLIN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, CONFIDENTIAL

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JUNE 22, SO AS TO ARRIVE IN MUNICH AT 1800. THE DUTCH AIRCRAFT IS, OF COURSE, NOT PERMITTED TO FLY INTO BERLIN. MISSION UNDERSTANDS U.S. COB IS HOST OF THE NAA GROUP DURING ITS BERLIN VISIT.

2. PHILLIPE DESHORMES, SECRETARY GENERAL, NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY, HAS ASKED AMBASSADOR BRUCE WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT THE GROUP FROM BONN TO BERLIN AND FROM BERLIN BACK TO MUNICH. BRUCE HAS INDICATED HE WILL INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING THIS.

3. RECOMMENDATION: REF B INDICATED THE DEPARTMENT WELCOMED THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THE NAA TO BERLIN. MISSION WHOLEHEARTEDLY FAVORS COOPERATION WITH THE NAA INCLUDING WITH ITS ANNUAL TOURS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MILITARY TOURS). WE BELIEVE THE WEEK-LONG TOTAL IMMERSION IN NATO AFFAIRS THESE TOURS PROVIDE, INCLUDING THE INTENSIVE ASSOCIATION WITH ALLIED PARLIAMENTARIANS, HAS PRODUCED EXCELLENT RESULTS IN THE PAST IN TERMS OF CREATING A CADRE OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN WELL INFORMED ABOUT AND IN MANY CASES SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. SIMILARLY, THESE TOURS AND OTHER NAA ACTIVITIES HAVE CEMENTED NORTH ATLANTIC TIES AMONG PARLIAMENTARIANS--TIES WHICH HAVE ENDURED IN SOME CASES FOR DECADES AND WHICH PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN HELPING NATO REACH THE PUBLICS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION RECOMMENDS WASHINGTON GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THIS REQUEST FOR AN AIRCRAFT, AND THAT SUCH AIRCRAFT BE PROVIDED ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

4. ACTION: REQUEST EARLY WASHINGTON DECISION AND GUIDANCE.  
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